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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: T. Lamb
NOBUHIKO SATO, et al.)	
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Application No.: 10/664,945)	
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For: INFORMATION PROCESSING)	
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Commissioner for Patents
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COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Applicants herein have reviewed the Examiner's Statement of Reasons For

Allowance, which are reproduced as follows:

"The prior art of record does not teach nor suggest 'an acquiring unit constructed to acquire from the external apparatus identification information which specifies one of the plurality of device control languages with a highest priority; and a selection unit constructed to select from a plurality of programs a program corresponding to the device control language specified by the identification information acquired by said acquiring unit.'"

These reasons are understood by Applicants to apply primarily to Claims 12 to 15, which are apparatus claims that include identically the language cited by the Examiner.

These comments are also seen as relevant to independent Claims 16, 17 and 21, which respectively are method, medium and program claims that roughly correspond to apparatus Claim 12. In particular, each of these claims involves the selection of a program

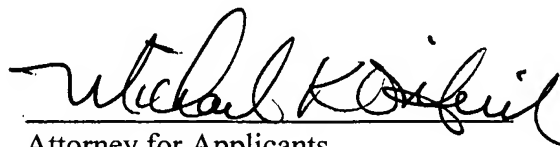
based on identification information which specifies one of a plurality of device control languages with a highest priority.

However, the reasons are not seen to apply at all to any of Claims 22 to 30, since none of those claims involves the concept of "highest priority". Rather, these claims are all directed to selection of a program based on information which specifies a device control language currently set in an external apparatus.

Accordingly, Applicants believe that the Examiner did not intend for her Statement of Reasons for Allowance to apply also to Claims 22 to 30. On the other hand, if the Examiner did, in fact, intend for her Statement to apply also to Claims 22 to 30, then she is respectfully encouraged to state such for the record.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael K. O'Neill", is written over a horizontal line.

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